

REMARKS

The application included claims 1-17 and 19-30 prior to entering this response.

Claims 1-17 and 19-30 have been allowed.

Claims 1-17, 19-30 are amended, herein.

Claim 31 is new. No new matter is added.

The application remains with claims 1-17 and 19-31 pending.

Request for Continued Examination - 35 U.S.C. § 132(b) & 37 CFR § 1.114

Applicant is filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Authorization to pay the examination fee is included with this response.

APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Previously presented claims 1-17 and 19-30 were allowed in the October 6, 2008 Notice of Allowance. Although the Applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the Applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct..

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-17, 19-24, and 26-30 are amended for grammatical purposes or to further clarify the claim language, and without prejudice with regard to pursuing the claims as previously presented or in other forms in a continuation or other application.

The claim amendments are not being made to overcome any cited references, and Applicant neither intends nor believes that these amendments operate to narrow the scope of the claims.

Claim 25 is amended consistent with the Supplemental Notice of Allowance, dated November 13, 2008.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-17 and 19-31. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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